

FIG. 1A



A vitamin D component added to the assay system to compete with the released vitamin D component.



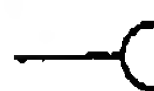
A vitamin D component released by the releasing composition.



A vitamin D binding protein, for example DBP.



A solid phase, for example, a magnetic particle.



A host component, for example an antibody, which recognizes a vitamin D component.



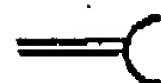
A molecule which can bind to a biotin, for example streptavidin or avidin.



A label, for example acridinium.



A biotin.



A protein, for example an antibody, capable of binding to a vitamin D component at a site other than the one that is recognized by a host component.



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FIG. 1B